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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Physicians, Advance Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Rural Health Clinics

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Updated Form for Certification Regarding Abortion

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

In 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 649, the 2011 Iowa General Assembly enacted new requirements for coverage of abortions. Based on this the IME has revised the "Certification Regarding Abortion" form. Please begin using the new form immediately. The new form uses the same form number (470-0836) located in the lower left corner, but **the revision date is now "7/11"** (the previous revision date was "10/07"). The form is available on our website at: http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Forms.html.

The new form includes additional acknowledgement that the provider has undertaken the following two (2) actions:

> (1) The provider must certify that he or she has given the mother the opportunity to view an ultrasound image of the fetus as part of the standard of care before an abortion is performed; and
> (2) The provider must certify that the mother has been provided information regarding the options relative to the pregnancy, including continuing the pregnancy to term and retaining parental rights following the birth, continuing the pregnancy to term and placing the child for adoption, and terminating the pregnancy.

Claims where this certification is required must be submitted with the new version of the form effective immediately. Claims submitted after this notice with the old form will be suspended and the current version of the form will be requested of the provider.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.